SENATE BILL 3402

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, relative to reports of abuse.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-406, is amended by adding the following as new subsection:

() If the report of child abuse alleges physical abuse, the investigation shall be conducted by a child protective services investigator who is adequately trained in investigating physical abuse reports or may be referred to a child advocacy center.

Under no circumstances shall the investigation be performed by a probation officer previously assigned to the child.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.